

# COMBAT AIRLIFTER

Pope Field

440th Airlift Wing

September 8-9, 2012

Combat Airlifters,



BG Ham, fiancée Adele and Herschel Walker

Thank you for all your hard work leading up to this UTA and IG Inspections. As usual you each have stepped up and done an outstanding job in preparation for this inspection. It's time to show the IG Team that we are the Best TFI Unit in AFRC. It's your time to shine!

You have much to be proud of. Throughout this past fiscal year, we have exemplified what it means to be Airmen and professionals. We have been awarded 27 Air Force Reserve Command-level awards and 7 Air Force-level awards covering all aspects of responsibility around the Wing.

Our Total Force units are setting the standard! This year we have flown nearly 6,000 hours and are on track to finish with around 6,400 flying hours for the year! Our mission capability rate is 75.1%, ahead of the Air Mobility Command standard of 71% and during the last year, we met and exceeded the AMC standard for six consecutive months! Our home station departure reliability average is 95.3%, again above the 91.7% standard. From Oct 2011 to Feb 2012, we had a 100% departure reliability average.

There is a specific group of Airmen that should be especially proud this month...recent Lt.Col. promotees. We had 11 Majors meet the last promotion board and ALL 11 of them were selected for promotion! Throughout the year, 440th promotions have exceeded Air Force Reserve Command selection rates. This speaks volumes about the caliber of Airmen in the 440th Airlift Wing!

This month we also welcomed back more than a dozen 53APS Airmen from their deployment. They did phenomenal work while deployed and represented the 440th and Pope Field amazingly well.

For those returning Airmen, I'd like to remind you of your opportunity to attend a Yellow Ribbon event. Yellow Ribbon offers a TDY for you AND your family to go away from home station and learn about all the support services available to you and your family. They all come together to explain benefits you and your family have earned by your involvement in a deployment. Learn about the Post 9-11 GI Bill and Tricare benefits as well as educational opportunities that await you and more. We look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Master Sgt. Katie Guinn is the 440th Yellow Ribbon representative and she can answer any questions you may have about the program. Her phone number is 910-394-3221, or you can send her an email at [katrine.guinn.1@us.af.mil](mailto:katrine.guinn.1@us.af.mil). Please call and join a Yellow Ribbon event. You will be glad you did and your family will thank you.

Again, thanks for all you do for our country. It's an honor to serve with you. We are Pope!



August Yellow Ribbon in Orlando,

ALL THE BEST, Brig. Gen. Norm Ham

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## 2012 Top Aimpoints:

- Preparation! Ready any time, anywhere
- Taking care of people
- Lead Reserve Command as model TFI unit

—NEWS—

**From the Vice**

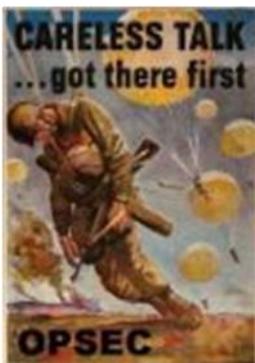
We're finally here! By now the virtual part of our inspection is over and we're only a handful of days away from the main event. Now's our time to shine, but first let me say a hearty THANK YOU! for all the hard work you all have put into getting ready. Your efforts have been truly amazing and I'm sure it will show as we go through the inspection.



As a note to those who will actually be working face to face with the inspectors--if you have a program or process that you think is particularly noteworthy, make sure you let the inspectors know about it. They're concentrating on checking compliance so how you are complying is sometimes outside the scope of their "look" at you so don't be shy about calling their attention to your process. Who knows--you may make the benchmark list!

Have you heard the rumor about the "Diversity/Career Day" sponsored by the HRDC and Airmans' Council? That's one rumor that is true! On Sunday of the November UTA, there will be an event that will be for all Reservists and even potential Reservists that will showcase the diversity within the Wing and the various fields of work within the Wing.

So if you're looking for something or something else to do in the Wing or just curious about what the other folks or organizations in the Wing really do and what the "prerequisites" for those specialties are, this is the event for you! Oh, and we're working with some local ethnic eateries to provide some samples of their menus to nosh on while you're visiting the different stations. The HRDC and Airmans' Council look forward to seeing you there!



**Chief's Page**

**OPERATION FIT:**

OP FIT will again be held during the September UTA, Pope Track, at the following times:

Saturday, 8 September from 1545-1700 hrs. & Sunday, 9 September from 0545-0700 hrs.

If you have an Unsatisfactory Score, are on a waiver, or are Non-Current in F2F



and are not scheduled to test during September's UTA, you are required to attend one session, along with your supervisor. Please wear your F2F clothing, bring your military ID, and a water bottle. See you there!

**UFPM & PTL MEETING**

There is a mandatory meeting for all UFPM's and PTL's every Saturday of Primary UTA at 1400 hours in the Wing Conference Room of B-306. Please plan to attend. POC: Colonel Kim Robinson.

**PATRIOT POPE AIRLIFT**

Starting with the August 2012 Primary UTA, we will be going to a single Patriot Pope aircraft departing Signature in Milwaukee, WI on Friday at 1700 hours sharp! All members requiring transportation must report for this aircraft NLT 1530 hrs. to check-in. All passengers requiring airlift are reminded that it is mandatory to sign-up for the Patriot Pope Airlift utilizing the website, NLT Wednesday at Noon, prior to the UTA. Passengers which are unable to access the website are to contact their units for manifesting. POC: CMSgt Jeff Roeder.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The 440th AW Command Chief & Senior Recruiter are seeking a dynamic leader to guide our Development Training Flight (DTF). This flight will be made up of newly assigned 440th AW personnel awaiting BMT or a tech school date. The following are some prerequisites for any potential candidates:

- Sharp E-5 or higher
- PTL qualified or eligible
- Not in skill-level upgrade training
- Recommendation from First Sergeant & Commander, & permission from Unit Commander to be temporarily released to DTF
- Self-starter, organized, thorough, and motivated
- Ability to immediately start on AFRC-funded tour orders full-time for 180 days (local area only as no billeting or per diem is funded)

Potential candidate will work directly for the 440th AW Command Chief. If interested, please e-mail the Command Chief with a resume, last (3) EPR's and/or letters of recommendation to [Jeffrey.roeder@us.af.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.roeder@us.af.mil)

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

### Chief's Page (continued)

#### AIRMAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Who:** E-4 and below

**Where:** Every Sunday during primary UTA, 1030-1130 hours, B-306, Wing Conference Room. Please obtain your supervisor's support to attend.

**Why:** Airmen; this is your chance to have your voice be heard and let leadership know about any ideas you have for the Wing. You are our future leaders and we care about giving you the tools you need to succeed! Come out for the camaraderie & stay for the fun. POC: CMSgt Jeff Roeder

#### NOVEMBERFEST

On Saturday, 3 November starting at 1600 hrs., the Wing will be sponsoring a free event, open to all Air Force personnel stationed at Pope Field. It will be held in B-712 (ISO Hangar). There will be bratwurst, potato salad, & chips, along with beer and assorted soda & water. Come join all of your friends at an event designed to thank YOU for another challenging, but highly successful year. (Did I happen to mention it's F-R-E-E!) POC: CMSgt Jeff Roeder



### Spouses Corner

#### The Air Force 101- Spouse Guide is out.

The Air Force 101-Spouse Guide was developed by Mrs. Suzie Schwartz and a team of AF Spouses in response to AF spouse's request for a "spouse battle book" - a one-stop resource on the basics of life in the Air Force. The guide was developed by seasoned and proud Air Force spouses. The Guide is to be a key part of a spouse "toolbox"; is comprehensive and will familiarize AF Spouses with the Air Force mission, organizational and rank structure, traditions, as well as invaluable resources and programs to help serve as a critical member of the Air Force team. To view the guide, go to <https://www.usafservices/Home/SpouseSupport.aspx>.



**Disney has extended their Military Salute Discount Tickets for fiscal year 2013.** Fort Bragg Leisure Travel Services will be running a Disney Trivia Contest for the month of September. Prizes will vary. Daily winners will be selected randomly from correct answers. A weekly winner will be chosen from the 5 daily winners. Winners will be announced on Ft Bragg MWR Facebook. Please continue to monitor the Ft Bragg MWR website for the trivia questions to post. <http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/free-stuff/>

Don't forget to join our Facebook page "440th Airlift Wing".

### Elections

As we inch closer to November elections, your wing voting officers want to make sure you are informed of voting updates/ changes happening. The below update from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) informs service members of a mobile website (<http://www.fvap.gov/mobile/>) that quickly leads users to voting information.



As Reservists, we have the right to vote absentee when we are activated and stationed outside our place of residence where we are qualified to vote. If we are not activated and stationed outside our place of residence, normal civilian voting procedures apply.

If you have any questions please contact one of your 440 AW voting officers: Capt Lominack (424-4592), Capt Gamara (424-5444), or Maj Reaver (424 5455).

For more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or help with the absentee voting process please visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584)

### Weather Corner

Do you know what the Pope Weather Unit can do for you? Whether you are a pilot, maintainer, PTL, or anyone else, weather information is right at your fingertips. Most weather information, whatever the need can be found on our website at <https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/43oss/weather/default.aspx>

Here are a few link buttons on the webpage that may be of interest to you:

- KPOB AOS – Provides current weather data (wind, clouds, temperature, lightning, weather/visibility, atmospheric pressure, precipitation), current official Observation, and Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) for Pope Field. Auto updates approximately every 2 minutes.
- 24 HR FCST – Provides 24-Hour Weather Outlook in aviation terms for 4 six-hour periods. This product is issued in the morning once a day, so for updates contact us at 394-6543.
- 7 DAY – Provides plain language 7- Day Weather Outlook for Pope Field to include solar/lunar data.
- PT TEST WX – Provides 24 hour, hour-by-hour planning forecast based on PT testing weather conditions listed in AFI 36-2905.

There are also link buttons for weather satellite, weather radar, and tropical weather information to name only a few.

Of course we have full personal military aviation weather briefing services available as well. So whatever your weather need, please check out our webpage and for updated weather information, give us a call 394-6543/6544 or come by and see us in Airfield Operations, Bldg 708, between hanger 4 and 5.

For more information, contact Mr. Ron Hoover at 349-6553.

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## Flu Shots

If anyone gets their flu shot at their place of employment, private doctor or local drug store please have a paper copy that you received it and the date given so that Immunizations staff can transcribe this into your AF immunization record.



Thanks,  
Major Maureen Toomey

## Protocol Corner

September Protocol Point of Reference

As Citizen Airmen, most of us do not wear the military uniform every day. However, when we do wear the uniform, we recognize that we have a great responsibility to wear it properly and to conduct ourselves accordingly. Please review the information below to ensure you are representing your fellow service men and women well. Reference AFI 36-2903, Section 1.3.

To present a professional military image the individual will: Procure and maintain all mandatory clothing items. Review and follow local supplements and procedures. Uniforms will be neat, clean, pressed, buttoned, and properly maintained.

**Members will not:** Stand or walk with hands in pockets of any uniform combination, other than to insert or remove items. Walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device. Smoke/use smokeless tobaccos, drink, or eat while walking in uniform.

If you have any Protocol questions, please contact us at 440aw.cvp@us.af.mil or 394-3536.



## Airmen Against Drunk Driving

AADD is an all volunteer based program where volunteers use their own POV's and fuel to help service members get home safely.

Callers remain anonymous and with no fear of repercussion for using the service.

All caller drop off locations must be at a residence, dorm, or hotel. **Under no circumstance will a volunteer take them to another bar or club.**



## CALL FOR A SAFE, FREE, & ANONYMOUS RIDE

2200-0400 FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 2200-0200 SUNDAY

POC: LaQUITA MASON & TINA MACKYEON

(910) 394-AADD (2233)

COMMAND POST 394-9000

## Contact information

- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency SFS: 910-394-2800/2808
- Chaplain: 910-394-5465
- Safety: 394-8387/8387
- Military Equal Opportunity: 394-3961
- IG: 394-1798
- ALRS/UTA lodging: 910-394-1291
- Comm. Help Desk: 910-394-2666
- Services Customer Support: 910-394-2216
- Military Pay: 910-394-1600/1909/1409/1332
- Travel Vouchers: 910-394-1412
- MPF Customer Service: 910-394-4337/4439
- Patriot Pope/Airlift Support: 910-394-7152/6152
- Carolina Inn Lodging: 910-394-4131
- Wing Public Affairs: 910-394-5455/2619
- Fitness Questions: 910-394-2538
- Pope Operator: 910-394-1110
- Command Post: 910-394-9000

## Kitty Hawk Dining Facility hours

- Breakfast 5:30-745 a.m.
  - Lunch 10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
  - Dinner 4:00-7:15 p.m.
  - Midnight Meal 11 p.m.-1 a.m.
- For more information, call the DFAC at 552-3114.

## Pope Fitness center hours

- Monday-Friday 5a.m.-10 p.m.
  - Saturday & Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- For more information, call 394-2671.

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### Diversity and Career Day

The inaugural Diversity and Career day, sponsored by the Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) and the 440th Airmen's Council, will be held November 10, 2012, 1000-1400 in the ISO hangar. SrA Chrystal Jones, interim Airmen's Council president, would like to encourage all airmen in the 440th Airlift Wing to attend.

This is a chance for all AFSC's, career fields, sections, shops, squadrons, groups, and councils to come together during a four hour period and explore the opportunities available within the 440th Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserves. Every squadron and council will have a table set up to provide information on their respective jobs and activities.

This is a chance to explore cross training opportunities and options or look for ways to volunteer across the Wing outside of your normal duties. This is also a good opportunity to visualize the diversity across the Wing and learn about how the Air Force Reserve impacts the community. This whole day has been planned with airmen in mind. It's a way to increase your knowledge, have fun, meet other airman in the 440<sup>th</sup>, and find the very best Airmen to fill critical vacancies around the Wing. Also, don't miss the chance to try some of the local ethnic food also being provided by many of the local restaurants around Spring Lake and Fayetteville.

Door prizes will be awarded for attendance and visitation of each table.

### Fort Bragg ID Card Facility Changes

Effective 1 Oct 12, the Fort Bragg Main ID Card Facility will no longer accept walk-ins.

Schedule an appointment by: Calling (910) 643-2737

**OR**

Logging onto the internet at

[https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/\(X\(1\)S\(atzo142idhyg5z0dpk3pwhm4\)\)/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/(X(1)S(atzo142idhyg5z0dpk3pwhm4))/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

**OR**

Using the Kiosk located at the ID Card Facility in the Soldier Support Center, Bldg 4-2843 Normandy Drive, Fort Bragg, NC 28310.

Things to remember:

Renew your ID card within 30 days of its expiration date.

Two valid, unexpired forms of identification must be presented to receive any ID card.

ID that can be used is in the I-9 List of Acceptable Documents:

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnex-toid=e8e31921c6898210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=e8e31921c6898210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD>



### Fitness Assessment Testing

Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9 start times are 0700 and 0830.

You must be there at least 10 minutes prior and with your Fitness Assessment Score Sheet and Fitness Screening Questionnaire.

All testers are encouraged to bring a bottle of water with them.



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### Force Development

**Leadership Encouraging Airmen Development (LEAD) Program:** The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) and the USAFA Prep School offer active and reserve enlisted airmen the opportunity to compete for 170 slots for the appointment at the USAFA. Commanders and supervisors are asked to encourage airmen with impeccable character and values along with leadership potential to apply.

To be eligible applicants must meet the following: (1) less than 23 years of age by 1 Jul 2013 for entry to USAFA, or less than 22 years of age by 1 July 2013 for entry into the Prep School; (2) unmarried; (3) a U.S. citizen and (4) have no dependents.

To apply airmen must complete an AF Form 1786 endorsed by their commander by 31 Dec 12 for entry in the Fall 2013 semester. Mail applications to HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2300, USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025. POC for the LEAD Program is Capt Christopher Goshorn at (719) 333-2233 DSN 333-2233 or [usafa\\_lead@usafa.edu](mailto:usafa_lead@usafa.edu). Additional information can be found on the USAF website, [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com).



**Post 9/11 GI Bill changes effective 1 Aug 2012:** The Annual Cap for tuition and fees at private schools and non-degree schools has been increased to \$18,077.50 (for those students eligible at the 100% level). (There has been no change for public degree granting schools: students will be entitled to receive the In-State tuition and fees.)

Effective Aug. 1, 2012 the Monthly Housing Allowance will be based on the 2012 BAH rates. The Books and Supplies payment and the Tuition and Fees payment (and Yellow Ribbon payment) for each term will not be released more than 14 days prior to the beginning of that term. Payments processed more than 14 days prior to the beginning of a term will be set up on a payment schedule to be released from VA no more than 14 days prior to the beginning of that term. This includes mini-terms that may have been certified with a standard term or multiple terms with varying begin dates. For example: An enrollment that is processed on Aug. 1, 2012 for a term that begins Aug. 25, 2012 will mean that the Books and Supplies and Tuition and Fees payments will not be released until Aug. 11, 2012.

Also effective Aug. 1, 2012 Chapter 33 students will only be entitled to a kicker (commonly referred to as a college fund) for the benefit that they relinquished when they elected Chapter 33. For example: If a student was eligible for a MGIB Chapter 30 and a MGIB-SR Chapter 1606 kicker and they relinquished MGIB Chapter 30 when they elected Chapter 33, the student would no longer be eligible to receive the Chapter 1606 under Chapter 33 (prior to Aug. 1, 2012 they would have been paid both kickers under Chapter 33). Affected students will be sent a letter detailing this action and what they need to do if they disagree with this decision. Please refer to the [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) website or the 1-888-442-4551 Toll Free number if you have questions about your kickers. POC is SMSgt Somann at 394-4024.

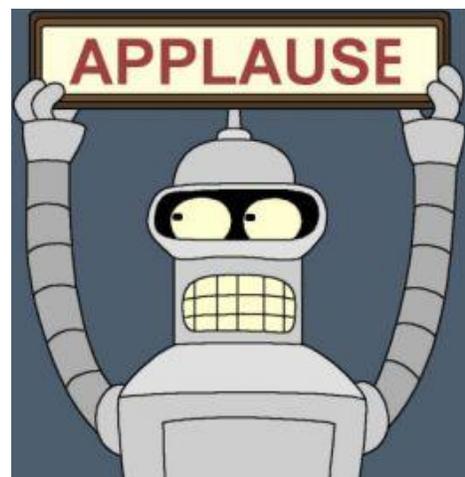
### Your Hard Work Over the Fiscal Year

Throughout the fiscal year (October 2011—September 30, 2012) the Airmen of Pope Field have exemplified what it means to be professionals in their field. Pope Field is setting the standard across the Air Force for Active and Reserve units working together to accomplish the mission at hand. The information below is a snapshot of how your hard work and dedication is paying off:

- As of August 30, 5,957.8 hours have been flown with an estimated 6,400 hours to wrap up FY12.
- July 2012, Pope Field recorded the lowest repeat/recur rate in all of the Air Force Reserve Command with a zero.
- The mission capability rate for Pope Field is 75.1%, the standard is 71%. Not only has Pope Field exceeded this standard seven times in FY12, six of those have been consecutively.
- Pope Field home station departure reliability average is 95.3%, again exceeding the standard or 91.7%. From October 2011 to February 2012 Pope Field had 100% departure reliability average!
- In FY12 Pope Field has:
  - hauled 350,680 lbs of cargo
  - airdropped 234,130 lbs of cargo
  - moved 2,509 passengers
  - airdropped 11,047 paratroopers—leading all AFRC units!

The commitment of the 440th Airlift Wing is getting noticed by those around and above us! So far in FY12 the 440th has received 27 Air Force Reserve Command level awards covering all aspects of the wing. Additionally, the 440th Airlift Wing has received 7 Air Force level awards!

Promotions have also exceeded the Air Force Reserve Command selection rates. An unheard of 100% — 11 of 11 — of eligible Majors were selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel!



— WING HIGHLIGHTS —

**AUGUST PROMOTIONS:** Check out who's flashing new rank!

**Airman Basic to Airman**

Bianca D. Brigman, 36 AES



**Tech. Sgt. To Master Sgt.**

Cale L. Conover, 95 AS

Alexis V. Wallace, 440 OSS



**Airman to Airman 1st Class**

Amy D. Flynn, 440 OSS

Dorothy J. Maurice, 440 OSS

Dale Wheatlem Jr., 440 LRS

Brittany S. Williams, 53 APS



**Congratulate these Airmen when you see them!**

**Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman**

Kimberky A. Beam, 440 LRS

Ryan C. Dews, 440 SFS

Rother W. Ferrell, 440 CF

Winfield D. Gadson, 440 AMXS

Samuel A. Johnson, 440 AMXS

Trudy E. Jones, 440 LRS

Sarah A. Mayernick, 440 FSS

Jonathan T. McGlade, 440 MXS

Nicholas A. Miner, 95 AS

Lemetrius Nolan, 440 FSS

Amber L. Palama, 440 OSS

Cierra S. Sullivan, 440 MDS

Kirby S. Whitley, 440 MXS



**Newcomers**

**Welcome the following Airmen to the 440 AW Family**

Captain Alton Stephens, 440 FSS

Staff Sgt. Maria L. Graziano, 440 MDS

Staff Sgt. Sharon D. Shannon, 440 FSS

Senior Airman Olalekan Adewale, 53 APS

Senior Airman James A. Blake, 440 MOF

Senior Airman Alexander B. Blanke, 440 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Carol J. Knight, 36 AES

Airman 1st Class Freddie B. Taylor II, 440 MXS

Airman Eden C. Brogdon, 440 CF

Airman Basic Terrence F. Hinds, 440 MXS

Airman Basic Kashira S. Hunt, 440 LRS

Airman Basic Darrell L. Jones, 440 SFS

Airman Basic Ryan G. Jones, 440 MXS

**Senior Airman to Staff Sgt.**

John D. McCormick, 440 CF



**Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt.**

Jeffrey Fredell, 440 CF

Nancy J. Gilmore-Parks, 53 APS

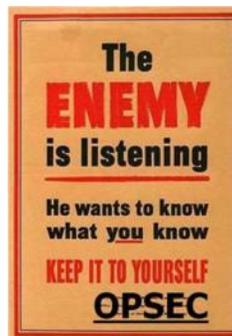
Laurie A. Lewis, 440 MOF

Shaun E. Wallace, 95 AS

Alfred Williams, Jr., 53 APS



*Let these Airmen know you are glad they've joined our*



## Winston-Salem Air Show



Members of the Forsyth County Sheriff's K-9 unit stop for a picture with the C-130 from Pope Field, N.C. at the Winston-Salem Air Show, August 25-26, 2012. The C-130 was on display for air show attendees to tour, ask questions and talk with crew members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Phillip Summers)



The C-130 from Pope Field, N.C. was a major draw for attendees of the Winston-Salem Air Show, August 25-26, 2012. Attendees stood in line for up to an hour and a half to see the aircraft and talk to the crew members represented by both active duty and reserve Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Phillip Summers)



Staff Sgt. Bryan Rudy, with the 440th MXAA, talks to air show goers at the Winston-Salem Air Show, August 25-26, 2012. The C-130 from Pope Field, N.C. was manned by a flight crew of both active duty and reserve Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Phillip Summers)



Lt. Col. John Gorse, 440th Operations Group, helps an air show attendee into a parachute. A C-130 and crew from Pope Field, N.C. were at the Winston-Salem Air Show, August 25-26, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Phillip Summers)